

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 13, 1999

Mr. Maciej Płażyński
Marszałek Sejmu
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00-902 Warsaw
Poland

Dear Sir:

We write to express our strong support for the Sejm to enact comprehensive legislation allowing for the restitution of property that was seized from Polish citizens during and after World War II. We commend the Polish government for its commitment to repatriating Holocaust-era claims and urge your prompt consideration and adoption of a comprehensive law that will rectify the wrongful expropriation of property by the Nazi and Communist regimes.

Since regaining its independence in 1989, the Republic of Poland has established itself as a model for free and democratic societies in Eastern Europe and, as of 1999, a valued member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. While we are aware that there have been several reprivatization proposals before the Sejm, we are discouraged that after ten years there is still no comprehensive legislation in place.

There are currently thousands of former Polish citizens now in the United States who are seeking restitution for their persecution by the Nazi and Communist regimes in Poland. As the people involved are getting older and older every day, time is running out to compensate those wronged by the forced nationalization of property. We urge you to work with your colleagues to accelerate the reprivatization effort, to ensure that survivors of the Holocaust and Communist era receive the restitution they deserve.

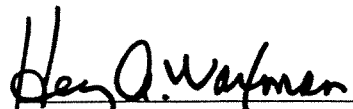
We applaud the leadership role Poland has taken on the issue of reprivatizing communal property and are encouraged by your commitment to host a Holocaust Conference on this issue. We are deeply concerned, however, that the conference has been postponed from November, 1999. It is our hope that you will not delay any longer in addressing these important issues and that you will push for the passage of a comprehensive reprivatization law that will finally bring justice to Polish survivors of the Holocaust and their heirs.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

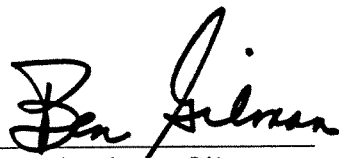


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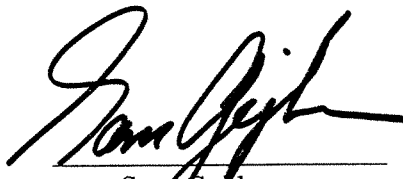
Sincerely,



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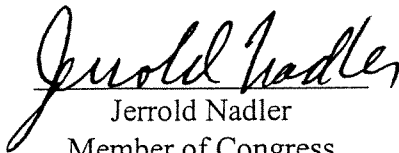
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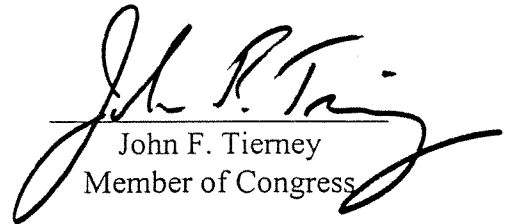
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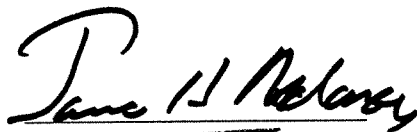
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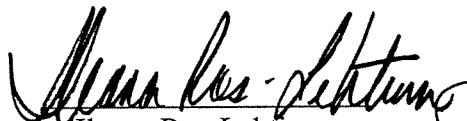
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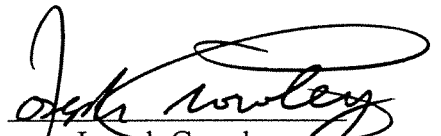
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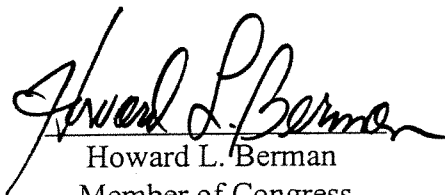
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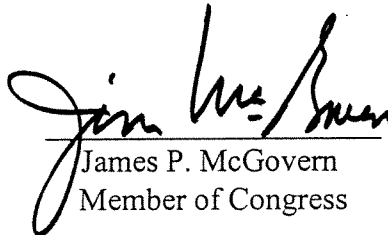
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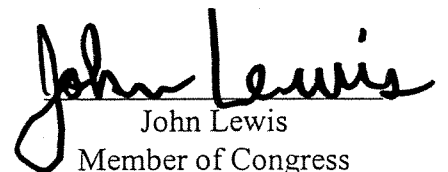
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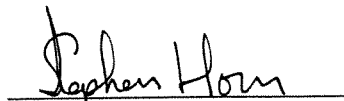
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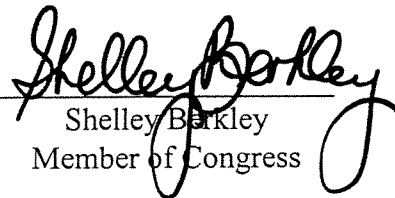
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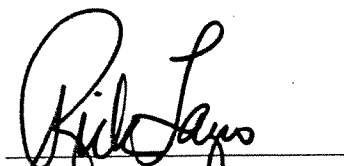
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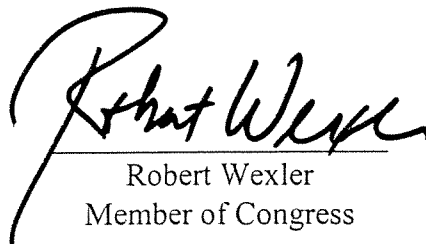
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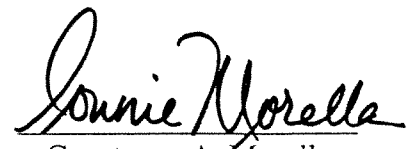
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